


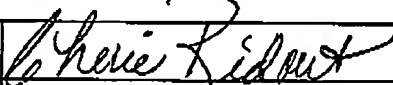
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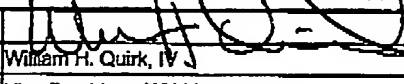
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Signature		Date	July 20, 2006
Name	William H. Quirk, IV	Telephone	210 255 4545
Title and Company	Vice President, KCI Licensing, Inc.		

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: KCI Licensing, Inc.Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/715,164 Filed/Issue Date: 17 November 2003Entitled: PERSONALLY PORTABLE VACUUM DESICCATORKCI Licensing, Inc.

(Name of Assignee)

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states that it is:

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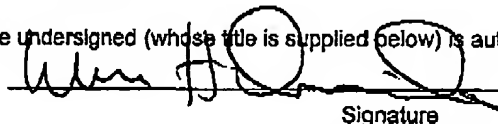
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.



Signature

William H. Quirk, IV

Printed or Typed Name

Vice President, KCI Licensing, Inc.

Title

July 26, 2006

Date

210 255 4545

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Dr. Richard Watson ("Watson"), does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to KCI Licensing, Inc., (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at 8023 Vantage Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 78230, any and all rights he has in the following:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,648,862 entitled "Personally Portable Vacuum Desiccator," (the "Base Patent") together with any and all other related patents and patent applications, including: U.S. Serial No. 10/715,164 entitled "Personally Portable Vacuum Desiccator," filed November 17, 2003; U.S. Serial No. 10/818,454 entitled "Wound Healing Apparatus with Bioabsorbable Material and Suction Tubes," filed April 5, 2004; U.S. Serial No. 10/818,468 entitled "Wound Dressing With Absorption and Suction Capabilities," filed April 5, 2004; International Application No. PCT/US2004/029309 entitled "Wound Healing Apparatus with Bioabsorbable Material and Suction Tubes," filed September 9, 2004; U.S. Serial No. 11/004,586 entitled "Personally Portable Wound Treatment System," filed December 4, 2004; U.S. Serial No. 29/218,609 entitled "Wearable Negative Pressure Wound Care Appliance," filed December 3, 2004; U.S. Serial No. 29/218,598 entitled "Portable Negative Pressure Wound Care Appliance," filed December 4, 2004; and Provisional Patent Application U.S. Serial No. 60/803,716, filed June 2, 2006 entitled "A Wound Suction Peg Apparatus," together with all continuations, divisionals, reissues, extensions, related foreign filings, and all patents issuing from any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Base Patent Assets");
2. Any and all related know-how and any other concepts, inventions, improvements, patent applications, patents and intellectual property related to technology in the "Field," as defined below, whether previously existing or created after the Effective Date. As used herein, "Field" means, all fields related to wound care, tissue care or other fields of current KCI products, including (without limitation) tissue growth, tissue repair, tissue regeneration, tissue strengthening, tissue debridement or tissue healing, as well as any other tissue treatments that may be adapted to be assisted by reduced pressure, all in humans and/or animals, subject only to the Exclusions set forth in Appendix 1 hereto.
3. Any and all intellectual property (in its broadest sense) that is related in any way to (a) the Base Patent Assets, or (b) wound healing using negative pressure, porous screens, and/or wound closure technology that is described and/or claimed in the Base Patent Assets;
4. Any and all Improvements or modifications related to the subject matter in any of Paragraphs 1-3 created or acquired in whole or in part by or for Watson;
5. Any and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patents which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries relating to the subject matter identified in any of Paragraphs 1-4, including the right to file foreign applications under the

provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application(s) in the United States; and

6. Any and all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries identified in any of Paragraphs 1-5.

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on the subject matter identified in paragraphs 1-6 to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

Signature: _____

Name: Dr. Richard Watson

Date: 6/5/06

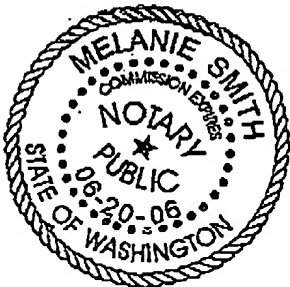
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of June, 2006, personally appeared Dr. Richard Watson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Melanie Smith

Notary or Consular Officer

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APPENDIX 1

1. Joey™ Umbilical cord clamping system—includes blood collection capabilities, baby monitoring, infant security, bedside diagnostics.
2. Freedom Patch™ Labor monitoring system—includes contraction monitoring, fetal heart rate monitoring, direct heart rate and uterine pressure monitoring
3. Amniotomy glove
4. First Touch™ Wireless Infant heart rate sensor

Orthopedic devices

5. Aqueous™ Vacuum splinting system, fiberglass casting system; heating, cooling, electrical stimulation, and vascular compression related to those devices.

Others

6. Clear Relief™ and Diarrhea Relief Liquid antacid
7. Cardiovascular stent—U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/501,801
8. Intraosseous needle—U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/501,876
9. Monitoring stethoscope—U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/758,627

Devices with concept drawings in place but no/unknown patent work:

10. Ultrasonic contrast gel
11. Shoulder cartilage repair system (an arthroscopically placed fixation device for SLAP repair)
12. Wireless oxygen saturation sensor
13. Oxygen saturation sensing mat
14. Non-suture skin closure device (a strand of hooks and barbs that when implanted in a laceration serves to close it)
15. Genetically altered bacterial biofilm